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1. SUMMARY: SENATOR JAVITS' VISIT TO MEXICO MAY 28-JUNE 1 RECEIVED EXTENSIVE AND FAVORABLE MEDIA COVERAGE. AMONG TOPICS COVERED WERE MEXICAN-US RELATIONS, CERDS, CUBA, BRACEROS, TRANSNATIONAL ENTERPRISES, THE MEXICAN POLITICAL SCENE AND INVESTMENT CLIMATE, POST-VIETNAM US FOREIGN POLICY, THE "NEW DIALOGUE," AND THE US POLITICAL SCENE, SENATOR'S CALLS ON PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA AND ENRIQUE OLIVARES SANTANA, PRESIDENT OF MEXICO SENATE, WERE WIDELY REPORTED, AS WERE HIS APPEARANCES AT VARIOUS SOCIAL FUNCTIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. SENATOR JACOB JAVITS (R-NY), MEMBER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, VISITED MEXICO CITY MAY 28-JUNE 1. HIS BUSY SCHEDULE INCLUDED CALLS ON PRESIDENT LUIS ECHEVERRIA AND PROF. ENRIQUE OLIVARES SANTANA, PRESIDENT OF MEXICAN SENATE. THE SENATOR'S VISIT RECEIVED EXTENSIVE AND FAVORABLE COVERAGE IN MEXICAN MEDIA, MEXICAN PRESS REPORTS OF HIS REMARKS ON A NUMBER OF SUBJECTS ARE SUMMARIZED BELOW. MEXICAN DAILIES GIVING HEAVIEST COVERAGE TO THESE THEMES ARE BRACKETED AT END OF PARAGRAPH.

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3. MEXICAN-US RELATIONS. NOW IS AN EXCELLENT TIME FOR

BOTH THE US AND MEXICO TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO IMPROVE ALREADY VERY GOOD RELATIONS. THE CLIMATE OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE US AND MEXICO IS A TRADITIONAL ONE, BUT COULD BE FURTHER STRENGTHENED. (LA PRENSA, EL NACIONAL, EL UNIVERSAL).

4. CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES (CERDS). US CONGRESS SHOULD RE-STUDY CERDS, AS IT CONTAINS MANY GOOD POINTS. CERDS "MERITS COMPLETE AND URGENT RECONSIDERATION" AS ECHEVERRIA INITIATIVE WHICH WILL INFLUENCE DEVELOPMENT RATE OF LDCS. US BENEFITS FROM GROWING ECONOMIC PROSPERITY OF DEVELOPING NATIONS. (LA PRENSA, EL UNIVERSAL, NOVEDADES, EL SOL, THE NEWS.)

5. CUBA. RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BY THE US WITH CUBA IS "INEVITABLE," EVEN THOUGH THE US MAY NOT AGREE WITH CUBAN POLICY, AND MAY NOT LIKE THE IDEA OF A COMMUNIST STATE IN THE HEMISPHERE. BUT SUCH RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS IS PREDICATED ON A SIMILAR DESIRES BY CUBA TO WANT TO LIVE AMICABLE WITH US. SOME GESTURE MUST BE MADE BY CUBA BEFORE RELATIONS CAN BE RESUMED. (EXCELSIOR, NOVEDADES).

6. BRACEROS. MEXICANS LIVING ILLEGALLY IN THE US SHOULD NOT BE MADE THE VICTIMS OF SUDDEN OR RUTHLESS DEPORTATION. SOME HAVE BEEN LIVING IN THE US FOR YEARS, AND IT WOULD BE A WRENCHING EXPERIENCE FOR THEM TO HAVE TO LEAVE. LONG-RANGE, HUMANE SOLUTION TO 'BRACERO' PROBLEM SHOULD BE SOUGHT. HUMAN RIGHTS OF 'BRACEROS' SHOULD BE RESPECTED. SENATOR'S THEME OF UNIVERSAL DIGNITY OF MAN REPORTED WITH RELATION TO 'BRACERO' PROBLEM AND IN OTHER INTERVIEW STORIES THROUGHOUT VISIT. (EXCELSIOR)

7. TRANSNATIONAL ENTERPRISES (TNE). THESE CORPORATIONS PROVIDE AN IMPORTANT WAY IN WHICH LDCS CAN GAIN TECHNOLOGY AND SPEED UP THEIR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT. TNES SHOULD NOT STAND IDLY BY AND ACCEPT UNFAIR CRITICISM, BUT SHOULD TRY TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC IN FOREIGN LANDS TO THE ADVANTAGES THEY OFFER HOST COUNTRIES. CRITICISM OF TNES WILL NOT JUST DRY UP AND BLOW AWAY OF ITS OWN UNCLASSIFIED

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ACCORD, BUT MUST BE ANSWERED. WHILE SOME TNES HAVE ERRED, ON BALANCE THEY HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTIVE. ON QUESTION OF 'MORDIDAS' (BRIBES) PERHAPS IN THE FUTURE THESE WILL FALL UNDER INTERNATIONAL SANCTIONS, BUT FOR THE PRESENT THEY MUST BE DISCOURAGED BY THE LAWS OF INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES IN WHICH THEY OCCUR. TNES MUST PLAY STATESMANLIKE ROLE AND BE PREPARED TO TAKE BIG RISKS TO MEET CRITICAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CHALLENGES. (VIRTUALLY ALL

DAILIES)

8. MEXICAN POLITICAL SCENE AND INVESTMENT CLIMATE. PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA IS A MAN TO BE MUCH ADMIRER. IN A PRAGMATIC WAY HE HAS FOUGHT HARD FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS DURING HIS ADMINISTRATION WITHOUT REGARD TO FORMAL IDEOLOGIES. PERHAPS MEXICO HAS SOME UNIQUE FORM OF "INDIGENOUS SOCIALISM" WHICH PUTS THE COMMON GOOD AHEAD OF MAXIMIZING CORPORATE PROFITS, BUT US AND THE WORLD HAS NOTHING TO FEAR FROM THIS SORT OF DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISM. ECHEVERRIA'S SUCCESSOR MAY BE A LITTLE TO THE LEFT OR A LITTLE TO THE RIGHT OF THE INCUMBENT, BUT THIS IS OF LITTLE CONSEQUENT, RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO BE AS GOOD AS EVER. FAVORABLE FOREIGN INVESTMENT CLIMATE WILL NOT BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY CHANGE IN MEXICAN ADMINISTRATIONS LATE NEXT YEAR. MEXICO KNOWS IT NEEDS US TECHNOLOGY AND CAPITAL AND WILL CONTINUE TO SOLICIT IT SO LONG AS IT MEETS MEXICO'S DEVELOPMENT NEEDS, AND FOREIGN FIRMS ABIDE BY MEXICAN LAWS AND SUPPORT MEXICAN DEVELOPMENT GOALS. (EXCELSIOR, NOVEDADES).

9. POST-VIETNAM US FOREIGN POLICY. GREATEST PRIORITY AREAS ARE NOW EUROPE AND LATIN AMERICA. US WILL NOT TURN ISOLATIONIST BECAUSE OF DEFEATS IN INDO-CHINA. VIETNAM IS NOW A CLOSED CHAPTER. CONTINUED NEED FOR POLITICAL AND TRADE RELATIONS ALONG TRADITIONAL LINES. (EL UNIVERSAL)

10. THE "NEW DIALOGUE". SECRETARY KISSINGER'S CALL FOR "NEW DIALOGUE" WAS AN IMPORTANT STEP. "NEW DIALOGUE" IS NOT DEAD, AND MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO DIE. NATIONS OF HEMISPHERE MUST CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER, AND FULLY AND FREELY EXCHANGE VIEWS ON MATTERS OF UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMON INTEREST. (EXCELSIOR).

11. US. POLITICAL SCENE. SENATOR FAVORS CANDIDACY OF PRESIDENT FORD IN 1976 ELECTIONS. MENTIONED AS POSSIBLE CANDIDATES EX-GOVERNOR REAGAN ON REPUBLICAN SIDE AND SENATOR JACKSON AS POSSIBLE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE. JOVA

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